THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The issue of recovery of subsidy from urea manufacturing units is part of the larger issue relating to reassessment of capacities of urea manufacturing units. The Department of Fertilizers has now constituted a Committee of Experts under the chairmanship of Dr. Y.K. Alagh. This Committee will address to the total issue of reassessment of capacity with specific attention to the method of reassessment to be adopted, the effective cut off date to be adopted for the purpose of recovery based on the method of reassessment, quantification of total amount of unintended benefits that have accrued to each unit and to suggest modalities to recover the amounts quantified. The Committee has held number of sittings since it was set up *vide* resolution dated 19.5.2000 and has held detailed interactions with the fertilizer industry.

(c) The names of units and the amount of recovery therefrom will depend on the report of the Dr. Y.K. Alagh Committee and Government's decision thereon.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Drugs manufacturing in the country

†634. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drugs are manufactured by Public Sector Organisation in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the said public sector organisation and their locations where they are manufacturing drugs;

(c) the names of drugs being manufactured by them; and

(d) the total value of these drugs being manufactured, per annum, in the public sector?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The Central Public Sector Undertakings, namely IDPL, BIL, BCPL, SSPL and HAL are manufacturing drugs in Units located at Rishikesh, Hyderabad, Gurgaon, Calcutta, Kanpur, Mumbai, Dehradun, 24 Parganas and Pune. The production range of these Units covers Antibiotic, Anti-pyretic, Analgesic, Anti-TB, Anti-malarial, Cough, Opthalmic, Anti-asthamatic, Antacid, Antiseptic, Vitamin, Contraceptive preparations, various types of Vaccines and I.V. Fluids.

(d) The total value of the drugs manufactured by these companies during 1999-2000 is about Rs. 182 Crores.

Progress of Assam Gas Cracker Project

635. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 897, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2000 and state:

(a) what progress has been made in implementing the Assam Gas Cracker Project which was a commitment under the Assam accord;

(b) by when the project is going to be commissioned; and

(c) what is the explanation for the delay in implementing the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) M/s. Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. (RAPL) a joint venture of the Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), holds a LOI for setting up Gas Cracker Project in Assam. The Government of Assam, in consultation with RAPL, had identified the site for the Project at Tengakhat, against which the Chabbua Air Force Authorities have raised objections. Therefore, the project is required to be relocated. An alternate site has since been identified at Lapetkata in Dibrugarh District and Environment Impact Assessment Study has commenced. Government of Assam has